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MANNA

- What Manna was?
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What Manna was?

- Manna given as food (Ex.16: 15)
- The corn of Heaven (Ps.78: 24)
- The food of the angels (Ps.78: 25)
- Neither them nor their fathers know; (Due.8: 3; 16)
- Israelites ate in the wilderness (Ex.16: 32; Jn.6: 31)
- Given miraculously (Neh 9: 20, Ps.78: 23-24)
- Ceased when they entered Canaan (Josh 5: 12)
- For forty long years (Ex.16: 35; Neh.9: 21)

Who gave and to whom?

God gave to the children of Israel

- Through Moses (Jn.6: 31-32)
 (Moses only faithful servant of God –Heb.3: 4)
- Children of Israel murmured for bread (Ex.16: 2-3) (Will He not care? Ps.147: 9 Mat.6: 32-33)
- As an answer to their cry (Ps.105: 40)
 (Will he not provide-Ex. 2: 24; 1.Pet.5: 7)
- God gave them (Neh.9: 15)
 (Jesus said; Not Moses but my father- Jn.6: 32)

He hath given meat unto them that fear him (Ps.111: 5)

Who gave and to whom?

Exhibited the glory of God

- Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you (Ex.16: 4)
- He had commanded the clouds from above (Ps. 78: 23)
- Opened the doors of heaven (Ps.78: 23; Due.28: 12)
- He sent them meat to the full. (Ps.78:25; 2.Cor.9: 9)

Exhibited His mercy and faithfulness (Neh.9:15)

- And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger (v.15)
- withheldest not thy manna from their mouth (v.20)
- In thy manifold mercies forsookest them not (v.19)

Was a sign of divine mission of Moses (Jn.6: 30-31)

May see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? (Jn.6:30)

Where and when given?

In the wilderness

- through great and terrible wilderness (Due.8: 15)
- in a land that was not sown. (Jere.2: 2)
- And drought, where there was no water (Due.8: 15)

When they murmured

- against Moses and Aaron in wilderness: (Ex.16: 2-4)
- He heard your murmurings against the LORD (v. 7)

When they tempted God

Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? (Ps.78: 19)

When sinned and provoking God

provoking the most High in the wilderness. (Ps.78:17)

What was the purpose?

To make them know (Ex.16: 12)

Make them know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceed out of the mouth of the LORD (Due. 8: 4; Mat.4:4)

To test their obedience (Ex.16: 4)

- Shall gather a certain rate every day (v.4)
- And gathered, some more, some less. (v. 17)
- Let no man leave of it till the morning. (v.19)
- Six days ye shall gather it; but on Sabbath,, (v.26)

To humble and prove Israel (Due.8: 16)

- Lest thou forget the LORD thy God (Due.8: 14)
- Lest thine heart be lifted up (Due. 8: 14)
- That ye may live, and multiply (Due.8: 1)
- To do thee good at thy latter end; (Due.8: 16)

What it was?

- It was not known before (Due. 8: 3; 16)
- They called it Manna (Ex.16: 31)

It is said as

- The God's Manna (Neh.9: 5)
- The bread of Heaven (Ps. 105: 40)
- Bread from Heaven (Ex. 16: 4; Jn.6: 31)
- Corn of Heaven (Ps. 78: 24)
- It is angels food (Ps. 78:25)
- Spiritual meat (1.Cor. 10: 3)

How it was?

Appearance

- Like Coriander seed (Num.11: 7; Ex.16: 31)
- White in colour (Ex. 16: 31)
- Colour like that of bdellium (Num.11: 7)

Taste

- taste was like wafers made with honey. (Ex.16: 31)
- the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil (Num.11: 8)

Size

as small as the hoar frost on the ground. (Ex.16: 14)

How it was?

Had to collect in the morning (Ex. 16: 21)

- when dew fell in the night, manna fell upon it. (Num.11:9)
- in the morning the dew lay round (Ex.16: 13)
- when the dew that lay was gone up (Ex.16: 14)
- there lay a small round thing (Ex.16: 14)
- when the sun waxed hot, it melted. (Ex.16: 21)

Shall prepare that which they bring (Ex.16: 5)

- People went about and gathered it (Num. 11: 8)
- and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar (v.8)
- and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: (v.8)

How it was?

Had nothing over; had no lack, when mete (Ex. 16: 18)

- Gather of it every man (Ex.16: 16; Not a week-Ps.105:37)
- according to his eating an omer for each (Ex. 16: 16)
- every man for them which are in his tents. (Ex.16:16)
- Two portions, gathered the sixth day (Ex.16:5, 22-26)

New Manna each day (Ex.16: 21)

- left until morning, it bred worms, and stank: (v.20)
- And they gathered it every morning (Ex. 16: 21)
- Six days ye shall gather it; seventh day none (v. 26)

How Israelites for Manna?

At first they were covetous of Manna (Ex. 16: 16-17)

And gathered, some more (Ex. 16: 17)

Later counted inferior to food of Egypt (Num.11: 4- 6)

- There is nothing at all, beside this manna, before (v.6)
- Moses heard people weep throughout their families
- And the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly (v. 10)
- They were punished for despising (Num.11: 10-20)

They loathed it later (Num.21: 5)

- Our soul loatheth this light bread. (Num. 21: 5)
- LORD sent fiery serpents among the people (v.6)

What manna illustrates?

Manna illustrative of Christ (Jn. 6: 32-35)

- Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; (John.6: 31)
- And did all eat the same spiritual meat (1.Cor. 10: 3)
- But with many of them God was not well pleased (v.5)
- your fathers did eat manna, and are dead (John.6: 58)

And Jesus said unto them (John 6: 32-62)

- I am the bread of life: (Jn. 6: 35; 48)
- I am the living bread which came down from heaven: (v.58)
- The bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life to the world (John 6: 33)
- the bread that I will give is my flesh, (v.51; 63)
- He that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. (v.51; 58)

A comparative study

Manna Lord Jesus Christ

- Bread from Heaven -Jesus, bread of God (John 6: 33)
- Round like coriander-He the beginning and end (Rev.1:17)
- White like bdellium -Pure and precious (John 6: 69)
- Small as hoar frost -Word become flesh (Jn.1: 14)
- Food to the souls -Life to the soul (John 6: 35)
- Corn of Heaven Except a corn of (John12: 24)
- Around the camp -Near to all who seek (John4: 26)
- Gather at morning -Seek and ye shall find (Mat.7: 7)
- Sweet to taste -He who loved us (Rev.1: 5)
- Similar study can be done compared to the Word of God

 Golden pot of Manna in the holiest as memorial Ex 16:32-34; Heb 9:4

This is the thing LORD commanded Moses

- Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations;
- that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness

And Moses said unto Aaron,

- Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein,
- and lay it up before the LORD,
- Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

At Solomon's temple

 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb (2.Chr.5: 10)

Now these things were our examples (1.Cor. 10: 1-6)

A strong warning in connection with Manna

- All our fathers were under the cloud,
- And all passed through the sea;
- All baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- And did all drink the same spiritual drink
- But with many of them God was not well pleased:
- To the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. (v. 6)

Promised to the conquerors?

As reward to the saints

• To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna (Rev.2: 17)

What it means hidden manna?

- Jesus said; I am the bread from Heaven
- No man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father (Lk.10:22)

What reward we can desire more?

Than seeing him as he is (1. John 3: 1)

To be admired in all them that believe (2.The.1: 10)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

Hold me with Thy powerful hand:

Bread of Heaven

Feed me now and evermore.



Beloved in the Lord,

Hope this study "MANNA" has been a blessing

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